

- (ii) Provide operational autonomy and insulate Indian Railways by Corporatising it into "Indian Railways Corporation" (IRC). It would be governed by a reconstituted Indian Railways Executive Board.
- (iii) Set up an Indian Rail Regulatory Authority to regulate IRC's activities as a monopoly supplier of rail services particularly related to tariff setting.
- 2. *Ex ante* acceptance and commitment by the Government and Indian Railways that Indian Railways will operate on commercial lines. Non-Commercial activities mandated by the Government will be clearly demonstrated and Indian Railways appropriately compensated for such activities.
- 3. In view of financial crisis Indian Railways to pursue the strategic High Growth pattern for financial recovery.
- 4. Provides exemption from taxation-excise, sales tax etc. for the period of transition, say 5 to 7 years.
- 5. Set up a Social Safety net to take care of surplus labour.
- 6. Restructuring of financial accounts of Indian Railways in accordance with the Company's Act, 1956.
- 7. Spinning off non-core activities.
- 8. Rebalancing of tariffs to eliminate cross subsidisation.

The Interim Executive Summary is under examination.

Expansion of Rail Network in Orissa

3921. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal to expand Railway Network in the mineral rich hinterland in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details of specific proposals under consideration; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement them?

[20 April, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Details of New Line projects taken up for expansion of Railway Network in the hinterland in Orissa, including their cost, expected outlay likely to be incurred to the end of 2000-2001, outlay proposed for 2001-2002 and their present status are given in the Statement. Action taken on each project is also mentioned in the Statement.

Statement
New Railway Projects in Orissa

S.No.	Name of Project	Latest Anticipated Cost	Outlay expected to end of 2000-01	Outlay Proposed for 2001-02	Status
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(Rupees in Crores)

NEW LINES

1	Koraput-Rayagada	485.00	483.00	1.00	The work has been completed and commissioned. Tunnel ventilation work is in progress in the 2 long tunnels.
2	Talcher-Sambalpur	464.38	450.06	1.00	The project has been completed and commissioned.
3	Daitari-Banspani	585.12	251.27	50.00	The Line from Banspani to Joruri (11 km) has been completed on 20-10-2000 and opened for Goods traffic. Land is available on the whole section except from km 140-142.2 and km 147-147.47. Earthwork and bridges are in progress from km 0 to 147 from Banspani end. In this stretch about 109.5 km of the formation is ready in patches. 207 out of 361 minor bridges have been completed and work on 24 major bridges have been taken up. For remaining 2 major bridges tenders have been invited. 1.48 lakhs cum of ballast out of 1.81 lac cum required from km 0 to 58 has so far been collected. Tenders have now been invited for balance length from km 58-123. The line is targeted for completion by Dec. 2003 subject to availability of resources.

4	Haridaspur-Paradip	301.64	14.54	20.00	Final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition plans and papers have been finalised and are with the State Govt. Land has been acquired for 10 km of alignment from Haridaspur end. An amount of Rs. 5 crs. has been paid to the State Govt. for land acquisition. Work would be started as soon as land becomes available.
5	Angul-Sukinda Road	245.58	1.18	23.00	Final Location Survey has been completed. Report is under finalisation. Soil exploration for all 17 major bridges has been completed. The Railway has been advised to check up the detailed position of the Steel plants proposed to be served by this line.